set with a diamond and a ruby that was sent to Lopez by some minister of the King of Spam

i$th March THE EARL OF CUMBERLAND'S SHIP

My Lord of Cumberland, not liking his ill partage with the Great Carrack in '92 nor the unhappier loss of two carracls last year for want of sufficient strength to take them, now buildeth a ship of his own of 900 tons at Deptford , which the Queen at her launching named the *Scourge of Malice,* the best ship that hath ever been built by any subject

26fA *March* MR CHAMPERNOUN'S CHOIRBOYS

It hath been repoited about the Court that Mr Richard Champernoun, the music master, to satisfy his own humour doth use boys otherwise than were fit for one that prof ess eth Chris- tianity, gelding them to preserve their voices , which report he vehemently demeth

1st April NEWS OF SIR WALTER RALEGH

A ship of Portugal is lately come into Plymouth, of So tons burden, laden with fish, a prize that was taken near Cape St Vincent The Portugals of this ship declare that they with five others were taken by Sir Walter Ralegh on the 28th Feb- ruary , and that he had some of the principal men aboard him for two days, and finding their lading to be but fish, took some small quantity out of every ship, also a pipe of wine and a pipe of water, and thus let them pass They say that he was merry and in good health

April THE LEWDNESS OF DOLL PHILLIPS

There is a pamphlet written by one calling himself * Oliver Oatmeal ? concerning the knaveries of Judith or Doll Phillips and the beguiling of Mrs Mascall, the tripe-wife This old woman, being much sought after in marriage for her goods, was at last beguiled to the house of one of her sisters,

where the wine
walking lustily about and many merry matters familiarly dis-
puted on, it was set down that the tripe-wife must dine next
day at her suitor's house Next day thither she comes, where
the time being wasted in conference, home he would not let her
go that night, and then they so whittled her with wine that he
drew a promise of marriage from her Shortly after, the